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SUBJECT: LABOR DISPUTE INVOLVING FILIPINA NURSES IN
PHILADELPHIA

REF: MANILA 7328

1. LABOR DEPT INQUIRED INFORMALLY OF STATE MEDIATION
OFFICIAL, REPRESENTATIVE OF HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA, AND
HEW IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL.
STATE MEDIATION OFFICIAL UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS
FILIPINA NURSES ARE NOT UNDER HOSPITAL CONTRACT.

2. LAWYER FOR HOSPITAL SAID ALL THE FILIPINA NURSES ARE
STUDENT EXCHANGE NURSES IN TRAINING AND NOT REGARDED AS
FULLY QUALIFIED. ALL SIGNED CONTRACTS AND ARE BEING PAID
AND PROVIDED WITH SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
CONTRACT. HOSPITAL PLANNED TO MOVE FILIPINA NURSES AS
PART OF HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM TO DIFFERENT AND LESS
DESIRABLE QUARTERS. HOSPITAL REP STATED HIS VIEW THAT
DISGRUNTLEMENT AROSE FROM THIS PROPOSED CHANGE. APPARENTLY
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ASSISTED BY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER, FILIPINA NURSES STAGED
DEMONSTRATION AND DEMANDED FULL PAY AS REGISTERED NURSES.
LAWYER FOR HOSPITAL STATES HOSPITAL IS LIVING UP TO CON-
TRACTS SIGNED BY NURSES BEFORE THEY LEFT PHILIPPINES.

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3. ACCORDING TO HEW, FILIPINA NURSES ARE RECRUITED AND
ENTER U. S. AS STUDENTS, ALTHOUGH SOME OR ALL MAY BE
CONSIDERED QUALIFIED NURSES IN PHILIPPINES. LABOR UNION
LOCAL CONSIDERS THEM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP BUT
REPORTEDLY SUPPORT CONTENTION THAT THEY BEING EXPLOITED.
SAME SOURCE STATES THAT FROM MORE RECENT PRESS REPORT IT
APPEARS FILIPINA NURSES HAVE WON THEIR CASE CONCERNING
HOUSING AND WILL BE PERMITTED FOR THE PRESENT TO REMAIN IN
ORIGINAL HOUSING. ROGERS

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